



To: Justice System Appropriations Subcommittee Members
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Subject: Public Safety Enforcement Fund Follow Up

The Public Safety Enforcement Fund (PSEF) was created in SF 2378 (FY 2011 Justice System Appropriations Act). The Act increased certain traffic fines and is expected to generate an additional \$9.1 million in court receipts, \$1.0 million for local governments, and \$441,000 for the Crime Victim Compensation Fund. The Act directed \$9.1 million in court receipts, and \$235,000 in Crime Victim Compensation Fund receipts to the PSEF in FY 2011.

The Treasurer's Office transferred \$9.3 million in court receipts into the Fund in November 2010. The Judicial and Executive Branches have received the amounts allocated in SF 2378 as follows:

- Judicial Branch - \$5,300,000
- Office of the Attorney General - \$150,000
- Civil Rights Commission - \$100,000
- Department of Public Safety - \$450,000
- Department of Corrections - \$3,335,000

The Fund is repealed at the end of FY 2011 under current law.

Staff from the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) met with the Department of Management to discuss the impending repeal of the Fund on the FY 2012 General Fund balance. The December 2010 Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) estimate reflects current law and includes the \$9.1 million increase to the General Fund. In addition, \$235,000 that is deposited into the PSEF in FY 2011 will be deposited into the Crime Victim Compensation Fund in FY 2012.

Reinstating the PSEF, by "repealing the repeal" of the Fund will decrease receipts to the General Fund in FY 2012. Under current law, assuming members of this Subcommittee want to maintain current funding levels, the General Fund target would need to be adjusted accordingly.

Please let us know if we may be of further assistance.